



Cultural Arts Office
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City of Carlsbad

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SPRING 2008

Summer Arts Camp 2008

Still time to register....deadline is June 18! Don't miss out!

Creative Arts Camp, Session One

Creative campers will explore a variety of visual and performing arts activities including drawing, painting, music, drama, dance and more.

Session One:

July 7 through 18, 2008 for Ages 7-9
9am to 12noon

Location: Valley Middle School
Fees and camps sessions vary.

Creative Arts Camp, Session Two

This summer we are pleased to present our Creative Arts Camp to artists age nine to eleven, with a time schedule that fits into your busy schedules. This camp combines visual arts and theatre. Campers will work with a visual artist to experiment in a wide range of media of all shapes and sizes. All activities designed to promote personal expression and self-confidence.

Session Two:

July 21 through August 1, 2008
for Ages 9-11

9am to 3pm

Location: Carlsbad City Library complex,
1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, 92011

Fee: \$240

Important Registration Information

Camp brochures are available on our city's website, at both library locations, and at other city locations. You may also visit www.carlsbadca.gov/arts or call the Arts Info Line at (760) 434-2904.

Family Open Studios Plus with Percussionists Ross Karre and Fabio Oliveira

Saturday, July 26, 2008
Carlsbad City Library Courtyard,
11 am to 2 pm, Free

To complement the industrial-themed work of Kenneth Capps: Metered, featured in the Cannon Art Gallery, Family Open Studios PLUS presents percussionists Ross Karre and Fabio Oliveira. These musicians will improvise music with found objects and traditional percussion instruments, and then help children

create their own music. Performances take place in the Schulman Auditorium at 11:30 am and 1 pm.

Ross Karre and Fabio Oliveira are members of red fish blue fish, the resident percussion ensemble of the University of California at San Diego. The group functions as a laboratory for the development of new percussion techniques, sounds, and music. In addition to its regular series at the University of California at San Diego, the group tours widely, with recent performances at the Henry Street Settlement and Lincoln Center in New York City, the Agora Festival in Paris, the Centro de Bellas Artes in Mexico City, the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Green Umbrella Series, and the Percussive Arts Society International Convention.

This program is made possible by the Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation's Robert H. Gartner Cultural Endowment Fund.



Percussionists Ross Karre (above)
and Fabio Oliveira (below).

What's going on...

CARLSBAD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Aviara Oaks Elementary

Aviara Oaks Elementary School hosted its amazing annual Artwalk exhibition on May 21st and 22nd. The AOE Artwalk is a school-wide, multi-media exhibition that takes place each Spring during Open House celebrations. The public was warmly welcomed to view this year's exhibition of diverse student artwork in the school auditorium after school and in the evening on May 21st and 22nd.

Jefferson Elementary School

Performing Arts at Jefferson

Imagine 120 kindergartners all on stage at one time, dressed in costumes from around the world, and singing their hearts out! This is what took place recently at Jefferson Elementary as the entire kindergarten class performed an original musical titled, "The Passport: An IB Attitude Mystery." This musical was written and directed by Jill McManigal, a parent hired as an "Artist in Residence." One hundred forty first graders will soon perform another original musical titled, "The Big Splash: An Under the Sea Adventure." The children all participate in singing, dancing, acting and creating

scenery. Bringing performance to the lives of these primary students has boosted confidence and instilled a great sense of pride and team work. A once timid special needs kindergartner summed it up best when he stepped off the stage after his first performance. With a beaming smile he proudly said, "I did it! I really really did it!"

Magnolia Elementary School

Flowers aren't the only things blossoming this spring at Magnolia Elementary. The school's music program, led by Jennifer Corso, has grown this semester offering students a wide variety of music opportunities both in and out of school. Students in K-5th grades are preparing for their open house music program at the end of May where they will perform a variety of traditional, multicultural, Broadway, and Disney songs.

The 4th and 5th grade classes are playing the recorder, an easy-to-learn wind instrument that is often used as a stepping stone for the exploration of other musical instruments. Mrs. McArthur's deaf and hard of hearing class enjoys playing rhythms on the African and Conga drums. Her students love to explore, touch, and feel the vibrations that they create when using these instruments. The preschool

deaf and hard of hearing kids are also playing xylophones with familiar songs like "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star".

Magnolia's Lion Country Singers, made up of 4th and 5th graders, continue to rehearse for their upcoming Legoland and Spring Concert performances. The singers will also perform a concert for the preschoolers at Pilgrim Children's Center. The Lion Country singers are excited to travel to Valley Middle School where they will do an exchange with the Ensemble and Viking Singers, hoping to learn more about the exciting musical opportunities that await them as they enter middle school.

New to Magnolia this semester is the opportunity for students to participate in an after school guitar club led by Whit Aadland. Students are using school-owned guitars to learn the basic fundamentals of this instrument.

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Jefferson students perform "The Passport: An IB Attitude Mystery"



Student work in groups in Whit Aadland's after school guitar club

Magnolia's music program hopes to grow and expand the sequential music education that is needed to prepare students for all kids of music making opportunities that await them in middle school, high school, and beyond.

Valley Middle School

Valley Middle School Choral Department will be performing their final Spring concert at the CAC on Monday, June 2nd. Showstoppers, Viking Singers and Ensemble will all present songs from their competition performance at Knott's Berry Farm on May 10th.

In addition, Showstoppers will be performing their set of Disney songs at Disneyland, on Tuesday, May 27th. They will show their material locally, the next night at the Valley Middle School Open House on Wednesday, May 28th.

PRIVATE

St Patrick School

St. Patrick Parish School held its fourth annual Art Mania Art Exhibit on May 17-19 in the Parish Center of St. Patrick Church. This exhibit is comprised of almost 500 pieces of art chosen by the students of St. Patrick Parish School from their year long portfolio.

On April 16, 2008, our entire student body got on board to celebrate the 18th annual Grandparent's Day. This year's theme was "All Aboard! A Celebration of Trains." About 450 grandparents filled the parish hall and were treated to a delicious breakfast and a very energetic show put on by all classes K through 8th. This popular program was repeated at the Spring Fever Music Program at the end of April.

Second graders gathered for their annual First Communion Retreats on April 4th

and April 17th. Art is ever present at these retreats where parent(s) and child create mosaic tile crosses and clay families. The mosaic crosses were designed by a parent and the clay families are part of our Arts Attack curriculum, which the school adopted 4 years ago. The clay and firing for the clay families are generously donated by The Wheel studio, which is located in Encinitas.

St. Patrick Parish School received a grant for Reader's Theater to be introduced to grades 1 through 3. The teachers received their first training on April 4th with additional training scheduled throughout April. St. Pat's is grateful to the grant committee for their support of this project. A Reader's Theater performance was presented at the Spring Fever music program at the end of April. Reader's Theater will also be shared with the elderly at the Harding Guest Home in June.



Lion Country Singers rehearse for their Legoland performance.



St. Pat's second graders create clay families as part of Arts Attack curriculum.

News & Notes

STATEWIDE

CA Alliance for Arts Education Update on Arts Block Grant Funding

The legislative wheels continue to turn as legislators and the Governor approach the formidable challenge of a budget with a deficit that seems to grow weekly. No decisions have been made on any of the legislation that's been proposed. Expectations are growing as to what the Governor's revised budget, known as the "May Revise," may hold. It is expected to be released in the middle of the month.

We anticipate a long, challenging campaign to help ensure that the arts education block grant continue to be funded in the coming budget, and will turn to you for your support when the time is right. ACTION: If you have not yet written to your legislators and to the Governor in support of the Arts and Music Block Grant Funds, visit the [artsed411.org](http://www.artsed411.org)'s advocacy page (<http://www.artsed411.org/advocate/index.aspx>) for an easy-to-access, customizable letter.

STAY INFORMED!

To learn more about how your district has utilized the Arts and Music Grants visit the California Department of Education website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/artsandmusic.asp>. Stay informed with the budgets and appropriation letters--making sure your fellow teachers, parents and administrators are aware and accountable for keeping the arts in our schools.

BRINGING IT HOME TO CARLSBAD

Our Arts-in-Education Committee continues to be your advocate for keeping and improving arts in our Carlsbad schools. We meet on a quarterly basis, sharing information on advocacy, grant and program opportunities. Our community committee will continue to gather information and seek to assist in any way with these advocacy efforts.

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For more information regarding education programs or our committee meetings

Call (760) 434-2901 or email trodz@ci.carlsbad.ca.us

For additional information about gallery exhibition and programs

Call (760) 602-2021

For more information about other programs and events offered by the Cultural Arts Office / City of Carlsbad

Call the Arts Info Line (760) 434-2904 or visit our website at www.carlsbadca.gov/arts



All Aboard, St Pat's students perform for their Grandparents Day event.

